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To Whom it May Concern:

I am writing to comment on the proposed settlement of the United States vs. Microsoft antitrust case.

One of the weaknesses I perceive in the proposed settlement is that does little to force Microsoft to open up its APIs, communications protocols, and file formats to allow interoperability between Microsoft and non-Microsoft software products. Do the complexity of the Microsoft interfaces whatever mechanisms used to enforce their openness must be proactive and penalties swift and sure in order to get the interfaces documented in a complete and timely manner. Microsoft should also be prevented from using patents on various aspects of its interfaces to limit their use by others.

Sincerely,

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